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## **Labor Day Weekend**

### **Tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday weekend**

(MADISON) – Families across Wisconsin will be taking one last summer adventure during this Labor Day weekend. Wisconsin Emergency Management wants you to have fun but play it safe during this busy travel weekend and events.

“We all want to enjoy the Labor Day weekend. Following these simple tips can make for a safer celebration,” said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula.

Here are some tips to make this a safe holiday weekend.

- Even though the worst of this week’s heat wave will be over, temperatures are forecast to remain in the mid to upper 80’s Saturday and Sunday with 70’s on Monday. Make sure you drink plenty of water and limit your alcohol and caffeine intake.
- When traveling to and from a holiday destination, never leave people or pets inside a parked car. Even with the windows cracked open, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes
- Make sure your car is in shape to make the trip. Having a first-aid kit, bottled water and some energy bars is a good idea in case you get stranded. A car adaptor for your cell phone is also a good idea in case you need to call for help.
- Schedule your road trip at times to help avoid the holiday travel madness. Leaving before rush hour Friday or early Saturday and driving back Monday before 4 p.m. or after 10 p.m. should make for less traffic hassles.
- We want everyone to come home safely on Labor Day. If you’re feeling tired, drank alcohol, or feel ill, either let someone else drive or postpone the trip.
- Check [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov) or call 511 for the latest traffic and road information on your route.

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